

***IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT***

IN THE MATTER OF THE REAPPOINTMENT  
OF THE STANDING COURTHOUSE  
SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR LUCAS  
COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013-41

The Iowa Supreme Court recognizing the increasing intimidation or violence against judges, court personnel and members of the public who use the state courts established a Court Security Improvement Task Force. It directed the task force to compile standards for state and county governments to use as a guideline to follow so that they may provide for a safe environment for delivery of justice in county courthouses.

After the perusal of surveys, recommendations and reports, and after consideration of county population, court workload and other factors that impact the need for various levels of court security, the Court Security Improvement Task Force has prepared *Guidelines for Courthouse Security in Iowa*, available on line at [www.iowacourts.gov](http://www.iowacourts.gov)


This Court, in accordance with the *Guidelines for Courthouse Security in Iowa*, found in Administrative Orders 2007-21, 2006-12 and 2000-25, that a Standing Courthouse Security Committee be established for each county in the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa. The committee members for each county shall include individuals named by the chairperson of the County Board of Supervisors and the chief judge of the judicial district. It is appropriate at this time to update the committee membership from 2007 to reflect various changes in personnel at the various entities.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Lucas County Standing Courthouse Security Committee:

Martha L. Mertz, District Court Judge – Chair  
James Mefferd, Magistrate  
Jim Baker, Lucas County Sheriff  
Phyllis Baker, Lucas County Treasurer  
Leo Adams, Emergency Management Director  
Todd Folkerts, City Engineer  
Julie Masters, Lucas County Auditor  
Larry Wheeldon, Custodian  
Stan DeVore, Public  
Steve Laing, Supervisor Representative  
Vicky Black, Lucas County Clerk of Court

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Lucas County Standing Courthouse Security Committee should use the *Guidelines for Courthouse Security in Iowa* as an advisory during meetings concerning the security of the county courthouse and meet quarterly to discuss safety and security issues, and more often when necessary.

Done this 16 day of July, 2013.

  
ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, Chief Judge  
Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

Copies to:

Lucas County Standing Courthouse Security Committee Members  
State Court Administrator  
John Goerdt, Judicial Branch Planner for the Courts

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